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- At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Union of Students (IUS)¹ held in Berlin, Germany, from 11 to 14 March 1953, it was unanimously decided that Games for Students of Asia and the Pacific Countries would be held in Calcutta, India, in February 1954.²
- Subsequently, the IUS, through its Acting General Secretary, Paolo (lmu), and K. Honkonen,³ the IUS Head of the Physical Education and Sports Department, invited Asian student and sport organizations to participate in these Games. The same officials suggested that local preparatory committees be created immediately for the establishment of local student sports events for the purpose of collecting funds to send teams to India.
- In India the following provisional Preparatory Committee for the Games has been formed:

Chairman of the Committee: Salla Kumar Mukherji, Speaker of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly.

Convenor of the Committee: Kumares Chandra,⁴ member of the Governing Body of the All-India Football Federation and IFA (sic).⁵

Members of the Committee: Satyredra Kumar Basu, Minister of Judicial, Legislative, and Land Revenue Department of the Government of West Bengal.

P. Gupta,⁶ M.B.E., President of the All-India Football Federation.

S.K. Acharjya,⁷ barrister-at-law.

- The Indian permanent Preparatory Committee will be formed in April 1953.

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5. An International Organizing Committee, consisting of representatives from the National Preparatory Committees and from participating student organizations, will be formed several months prior to February 1954, when the Games are to take place.

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1. The IUS is located at Praha 11, Voitevska 12, Czechoslovakia.

- 25X1 2. [] an agreement between the Board of Physical Culture of the USSR and the Indian Society of Cultural Relations was reached in early 1953, covering a series of competitive sporting events to be held in India during the winter of 1953-1954.

3. Possibly identical with Kuuno Oja Honkonen, 31 year-old gymnastics teacher who represented Finnish sportsmen and students in the Finnish Delegation to the World Congress of Peace Partisans in Warsaw, Poland, in November 1950.

- 25X1 4. Chandra is a well-known sportsman []
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5. Possibly International Football Association.

6. Possibly identical with Pankaj Gupta, who in October 1949 was associated with plans to bring the Moscow "Dynamo" football team to India, according to a report []

- 25X1 7. Acharjya, a prominent Calcutta high court barrister, has championed communist elements in the labor unions of the Bata Company, of which he is a shareholder and which was originally "Czech-owned." In 1952 he attended the Vienna Peace Congress. []

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